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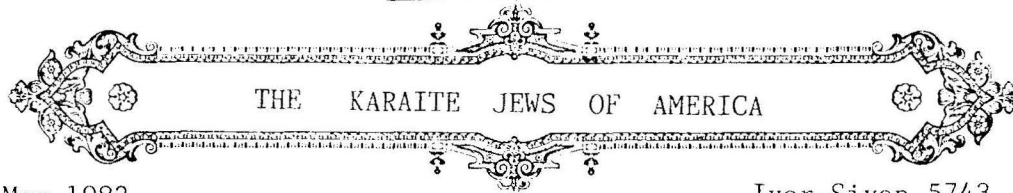
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BULLETIN



THE KARAITE JEWS OF AMERICA

May 1983

Iyar-Sivan 5743

JACOB MASLIAH
PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of The Karaite Jews of America K.J.A. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed and given a great deal of effort to make part of our dream come true.

Thanks to God and to those people who are filled with a high drive and an unshaken belief that this Karaite revival is now underway. Our movement has started and it will not stop.

Within two months our commity will be officially announced as a non profit organization recognized by the IRS and registered in the State of California. This was accomplished primarily by the efforts of Mr. Maurice Pessah.

We would like you all to share our pride

JOIN US

SHALOM RAB,



It all started, not yesterday, nor last year but over a thousand year ago: Our ROOTS. Today one cannot ignore them even if he opts to. For, the Karaite Jews have carried and preserved their religion intact up to this modern times.

In the U.S. our community has held the prayers by gathering in homes. We had a moderate plan that consisted of:
1- Get more participants to attend and perform the services.
2- Encourage members to learn the meaning of our prayers.

The achieved results exceeded all expectations. If you attended our Shabbat prayers, which are held now at an average of more than once a month, you would have noticed that the number of participants has increased, that our recitations are more homogeneous and relaxed, that we have four Hazzanim and most important : the feeling of belonging is emanently there.

We had just distributed a preliminary english translation of the Haggadah when we received a swarm of encouraging phone calls and many letters from members some of them we previously assumed were lost from our community. What a wrong assumption !

Our plan now is to first establish contacts with you to be able to search deeper in our identity, to learn together about our history, our golden age, our phylosophies, our leaders and their contributions ...etc.

I will be travelling to meet with Mr David Zaki Licha (Switzerland), one of our prominent leaders, to try to obtain important documents. Then I will meet with Mr Simon Szyszman (Paris) the author of the book ' Le Karaisme ', to whom I wrote and received a warm response to translate his book in English. (JUNE-83)

I am preparing to give a talk about Karaism in two Synagogues in response to their requests. (AUGUST-83)

Please call or write if you have information.

Till we meet again SHALOM..
Joe Pessah
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CONSTITUTION
AND
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OF

THE KARAITE JEWS OF AMERICA
(A religious non-profit organization)

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April, 1983.

THE KARAITE JEWS OF AMERICA

May 22, 1983

The following members have been elected as temporary officers of the organization:

PRESIDENT: MR Jacob Masliah
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VICE-PRESIDENT: MR Moussa El-Kodsi
2464 Rountree way
South San Francisco, Ca 94015
Home Tel (415) 994-8466 Bus (415) 891-2155

SECRETARY: MR Maurice Pessah
3361 Lindmuir Dr
San Jose Ca, 95121
Home Tel (408) 629-1229

TREASURER: Mr Alan Ovadia
72 Cerro Dr
Daily City, Ca 94015
Home Tel (415) 992-0439 Bus (415) 362-7484

The following members were elected as temporary representative in the Board of Directors:

Joe Abel

Emil Kheder
Fred Lichaa
Abraham Massouda
Flore Mourad
Mary Mourad
Elie Mousa
Joe Mousa
Joe Pessah

The first annual election of our organization will be held during the first quarter of 1984. Please extend your warm congratulation and appreciation to all of the elected members. It is the intent of the abovementioned members to help our jewish community succeed in reaching our goals.

Maurice Pessah
Maurice Pessah
Secretary

A R T I C L E I

NAME

The name of this corporation is THE KARAITE JEWS OF AMERICA.

A R T I C L E II

OBJECTS

The objects of this corporation are:

1. To preserve, promote, and transmit the Karaite Jews traditions and practices.
2. To encourage jewish religious education of children and adults of the jewish faith by giving financial support to jewish religious and educational organizations.

A R T I C L E III

MANAGEMENT

The management of this corporation is the Board of Directors. All rights, duties and privileges of this corporation is exercised and performed by the management. The management of this corporation is elected and serve pursuant the provisions of these By-Laws.

A R T I C L E IV

OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of this corporation shall consist of the following:

- . President.
- . Vice-President.
- . Secretary.
- . Treasurer.

Section 2

Term of the officers elected is one year. Officers are eligible for re-election for one additional term for the same office, or other office. The maximum consecutive terms of an officer in any position is two years.

Section 3

Vacancies in any office or directorship, except the office of the President, shall be filled by The Board of Directors. The position must be filled within 60 days. The person elected for this position must remain for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacated position.

Section 4

Any officer or director absenting himself from four consecutive Board of Director meetings will forfeit his right to hold office and his office will become vacant. Exceptions should be fully approved by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

A R T I C L E V

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

Section 1

The President shall preside over the meetings of this corporation and over the meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 2

The president shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and shall have a broad general powers of direction and supervision over all the officials of the organization.

Section 3

He shall appoint all members of all committees.

Section 4

The President shall have the power to call any special meeting of the Board of the Directors, or other committee.

A R T I C L E VI

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1

During the absence of the President it shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the functions and administer the duties of the president.

Section 2

In even of the president resignation, or ceases to be a member of the Corporation, the Vice-President shall become President of the Corporation for the unexpired term of the President.

A R T I C L E VII

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

Section 1

To receive and issue receipt for all funds coming into his hands belonging to the Corporation.
To deposit all funds in the name of the Corporation in such depositories as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2

He shall keep a correct record of all sums received by him for or on account of the Corporation.
He shall submit a quarterly statements of the financial condition of the affairs of the Corporation.

A R T I C L E VIII

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

Section 1

The Secretary shall attend all corporation meetings to take a correct record of the minutes of the meetings.

Section 2

He shall supervise the maintenance of records of receipts and deposit of funds and accounts of the Corporation.

A R T I C L E I X

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- . Current corporation officers.
- . Past corporation presidents.
- . 10 other elected members.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall make all appropriations and authorize the disbursement of all funds of this Corporation for payment of obligation incurred in the conduct of its business and objects.

Section 3

To invest special funds, trust funds, or other funds and revenues as permitted by applicable laws of the State of California, only after prior approval of not less than 2/3 of the directors.

Section 4

No member of the Board of The Directors of this Corporation shall be entitled to compensation for services render by virtue of his Office, nor shall any parts of the capital or income by the Corporation be paid or distributed to any members of the Board of Directors.

A R T I C L E X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

The Executive Committee shall be composed of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past Presidents, and four members of the Board of Directors appointed by the President.

A R T I C L E XI

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Setion 1

The finance committee shall be composed of four (4) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom must the treasurer.

Section 2

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

- . To examine bills and other claims against this Corporation.
- . To report to the Board of Directors the amount of money to be allocated to jewish educational funds.
- . To perform such other duties relating to the finances of this Corporation as may be referred to it by any other committee of this Corporation.
- . To keep a correct record of all its acts and proceedings and to report same in writting to the organization.

A R T I C L E X I I *****

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Section 1

The Real Estate and Building Committee shall be composed of five (5) members of the Board of Directors, two of which shall be The Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer.

Section 2

The Real Estate and Building Committee shall, in cooperation and approval of the Board of Directors, supervise the real and personal properties of This Corporation. It shall make recommendations for any necessary improvements or additions of the Corporation.

A R T I C L E X I I I *****

MEETINGS

Section 1

The meetings of the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall be held as frequently as necessary to insure the success of this organization.

Section 2

A quarterly meeting must be held to discuss the performance and the progress of the organization. Details of the meeting agenda and the place shall be mailed to the Board of Directors 1 month in advance.

Section 3

Emergency meeting could be called for whenever 6 members and minimum of two elected officers are available to discuss the main emergency matter.

ARTICLE XIV

Election of Directors

Section 1

Election of Directors shall be held during the first calendar quarter of each year. Candidate qualification must be submitted to The Board of Directors 30 days in advance.

Section 2

Directors shall be elected by secret ballot or by nomination. Elections shall be determined by plurality of vote.

ARTICLE XV

Miscellaneous provisions

Section 1

This Corporation shall not be dissolve as long as 20 members desire its continuance.

ARTICLE XVI

Amendments to By-Laws

Section 1

These laws may be amended at the quarterly meeting by the approval of the Board of Directors.



SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO PRAY



By
Fred Lichaa

When I mentioned to some members of Sinai temple that I'm a Karaite Jew , I did not expect that the discussion will go further than the sentence. They were made aware of our traditional ways of praying to which they showed great respect.

What happened after is history. Their board of directors UNANIMOUSLY voted a " yes " for us to use their Synagogue. •

When I was told that the use of the temple is at no cost, it was music to my ears. I announced the great news and started to draw a map for directions hoping to see you at the temple.

If you long to our hymns and prayers , come in to participate. There is no greater comfort, as the song says, than the sitting of brothers together.

SHABBAT PRAYERS SCHEDULED IN TEMPLE SINAI FOR 1983

A- JUNE	4	th.
B- JULY	2	nd.
C- AUGUST	6	th.
D- OCTOBER	1	st.
E- NOVEMBER	5	th.
F- DECEMBER	3	rd.

NOTE: Additional prayers for Feasts and Zekhers are scheduled in different homes. Please contact our gabbay: Joe Moussa at (415) 873-4491

HOW TO GET TO TEMPLE SINAI ?

(From 101)

PENINSULA SINAI CONGREGATION
499 BOOTHBAY AVENUE
FOSTER CITY CALIF. 94404
(415) 349-2816

- 1- TAKE FOSTER CITY/HILLSDALE EXIT
- 2- GO EAST ON HILLSDALE BLVD FOR ABOUT 0.9 MILES
- 3- TURN RIGHT ON EDGEWATER BLVD AND DRIVE FOR 1.0 MILES
- 4- TURN RIGHT ON BOOTHBAY .

NOTE : THIS IS A KOSHER TEMPLE
NO HEATING IS ALLOWED ON SHABBAT.
DAIRY FOOD IS WHAT YOU CAN BRING IN.
CAKES AND COOKIES SHOULD BE MADE WITH VEGETABLE OIL.

